

# Sassafras albidum

## Sassafras



A beautiful small tree, with picturesque horizontal branching pattern and spectacular fall color - oranges, reds and purples. Small yellow flowers in May before the leaves emerge. Twigs and leaves are fragrant when crushed. Forms colonies by suckering along lateral roots. Fast-growing, somewhat weak-wooded. Difficult to transplant, as it forms a taproot. Move young, balled and burlapped, in spring.

***Suggested companions:*** oaks (Quercus sp.), flowering dogwood (Cornus florida), hop-hornbeam (Ostrya virginiana), heart-leaved aster (Aster cordifolius), blue-stemmed goldenrod (Solidago caesia), virginia creeper (Parthenocissus quinquefolia)

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Plant Type: Tree

Size: 35-50' H  
35-50' W

Water Tolerant: No

Habitat:

Woodland Margin  
Forested Upland

Soil: Average Garden Soil  
Rich Moist  
Clay  
Sandy/ Gravelly

Exposure: sun  
filtered

Flower Color:  
Yellow

Bloom Time:  
April  
May

Plant in: Spring

Groundcover: No

Other Attributes:  
Fragrant  
Bird attracting  
Fall color